December 10, 2008 ADRC-TAE Newsletter

A Weekly Update for Aging & Disability Resource Center Programs and their Partners

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Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) Discusses Long Term Care Payment Issues

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MedPAC is an independent Congressional agency established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to advise the U.S. Congress on issues affecting the Medicare program. MedPAC meets publicly to discuss policy issues and formulate its recommendations to the Congress.

During the December meeting, the Commission's 17 members discussed updating payments for dialysis services, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, and long- term care hospitals.

The Commission reviewed information about the adequacy of current payment systems. Metrics for collecting this information include beneficaries access to care, supply of providers, volume of services, quality of care, access to capital, and payment and costs.

More information, including copies of the presentations, are available on the MedPAC website.

ADRC Training Courses Begin Today!

Overview of Aging and Disability Resource Center Program

The ADRC-TAE will be hosting its first interactive on-line training course. This course is the first in a series of training sessions that are planned to address a variety of topics on and about ADRCs and other programs and policies that deal with long-term care programs, policies and issues. The first Technical Assistance training will be "An Overview of Aging and Disability Resource Center Program", an introductory course that will provide an overview of the purpose, goals and activities of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC). This course will also cover the required functions of ADRC's, specifically; Awareness, Assistance and Access. The content of the course is built on lessons learned from the first five years of the ADRC grant program.

The course was designed and intended for new ADRC or Single Entry Point staff, advisory board members and volunteers. We will be offering Continuing Education Unit credits (CEU) from the National Association of Social Workers. At the end of the course attendees will be required to complete a short exam to asses their understanding of the presented materials and complete an evaluation form, in order to receive CEU's.

Today's training session has reached capacity and no new registrants will be accepted. Due to overwhelming interest, we plan to host another training in January. Stay tuned for details!
- **Topic:** Overview of Aging and Disability Resource Center Program
- **Date:** Wednesday, December 10th
- **Time:** 2:30- 4:00pm Eastern
- **Toll-Free number:** 1-888-844-7278
- **Participant Passcode for Phone:** 2695542#
- **Webinar ID:** 780-754-858
- For more information on the training sessions, please visit the training page on the ADRC website.

Upcoming Technical Assistance Events

January Monthly Grantee Call

More information about the January call will be posted on the Monthly Call page this week. Please check back!
- **Topic**: TBA
- **Date**: January, 2008
- **Time**: 2:30 - 4:00pm, Eastern
- **Toll-Free number**: 1-888-844-7278
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New Website Additions

West Virginia Intake Form Example

West Virginia provided this example of the Intake form that is used by their ADRC network. The form can be found on the West Virginia page on the ADRC website.

Memorandum of Understanding Example

Indiana provided an example of an MOU used to describe the roll and responsibilities of CICOA's Information & Assistance Department and Hendrick's County Senior Services and to state the guiding principles for interaction which are endorsed by both organizations.

Memorandum of Agreement Example

Georgia provided an example of an MOA used to define the roles and actions of each entity in the event of an community- or regional-level emergency that threatens both the safety of older & disabled adults and the functioning of the local aging services network.

The MOU and MOA are available on the ADRC website.

Public Policy and Aging Report

Public Policy & Aging Report is a quarterly publication of the National Academy on an Aging Society, a policy institute of The Gerontological Society of America.

The report from the Summer 2008 includes contributions from Harry Moody of AARP and Patricia Riley of the National Academy for State Health Policy.

The report includes information on the major services of the Aging Services Network, provides a brief overview of the historical legislation impacting the aging population, and details federal expenditures for services authorized by Title III and IV.

The report is available on the Administration on Aging website.

National Council on Independent Living: Call for Workshop Proposals

The ADRC Technical Assistance Exchange encourages your ADRC to submit a proposal!

The theme of the 2009 NCIL Conference is "Believe... We Are Better. Reenergize, Reorganize, Reauthorize!"

The Lewin Group will offer assistance to any ADRC considering

submitting a proposal to the 2009 NCIL Conference. Possible strategies for successful proposal submission include pulling together multiple ADRCs with similar themes to create a muli-perspective workshop and fleshing out potential workshop topics related to the conference theme. Examples include:

- Role of ADRCs in advocacy and systems change - strength in partnership
- Best practices in working across aging and disability to empower people with disabilities of all ages
- ADRC performance measurement - diverting individuals from institutionalization; etc.

The deadline for workshop proposals is Monday, January 5, 2009. The 2009 Annual Conference on Independent Living will be held June 5-8, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC.

Please contact the ADRC team at adrc-tae@lewin.com or your ADRC state lead for more assistance. More information and instructions for submitting proposals can be found on the ADRC website.